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## Work May Start Early On Highway Thru Town Bids Have Been Called

Specifications and plans for the reconstruction of the highway through the town on the main street are ready, and the state public works department has called for bids, to be opened in Boston on Tuesday, May 13. The project is, as has already been stated in the columns of the Press on routes 10 and 63, running from Pachaug hill at the northerly entrance to the Seminary campus, through Main street, to Stearns Garage, from where an additional two-tenths of a mile through the hollow at the Clapp residence will be improved. The project also includes a new bridge over the brook, just south of the Congregational church and a partial straightening of the roadway. The road will be constructed with a bituminous macadam surface. It is expected that the contractor who will be awarded the work, will begin the job immediately, and before the summer is over will have finished the same. The project will be financed under the Hayden-Cartright act with the state and federal government sharing the cost. It is said that several contractors will estimate on the job and representatives of several firms will visit here to look over the situation.

## Local Brotherhood Members Will Attend

The Franklin County Federation of Church Brotherhoods and Men's clubs will hold its spring meeting Monday at 7:30 p. m. at the First Baptist church, Greenfield. Dinner will be at 6:30 at First Baptist and Methodist churches.

Dr. Allen A. Stockdale of the National Association of Manufacturers of New York City will speak on "The future in America." G. Walter Carpenter of Greenfield, federation president, will preside.

Present indications are that the local Brotherhood of the Congregational church will be well represented. Rev. Edward Fairbank still has a number of super tickets reserved for Northfield and they may be secured by phoning him.

## Mrs. Emma A. Nims

Mrs. Emma A. Nims, age 84, who has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frank P. Britton on Main street, in this town for the past 19 years, died early Wednesday morning at the Farren Memorial hospital after a two weeks illness.

Mrs. Nims was born in Crown Point, N. Y., April 25, 1857, the daughter of Amos and Mary P. (Lamson) Bigelow. She was married to Kirk L. Nims, Oct. 16, 1873, and came to Northfield about 65 years ago.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Frank P. Britton of this town, four grandchildren, Fred L. Nims, Barbara Nims, Marion E. Nims and Stewart E. Nims of Brattleboro; one great-granddaughter, Mary Frances Nims of Brattleboro; one brother, Forstine A. Bigelow of this town and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Nims was a member of the Congregational church. Funeral services will be at Kidder's funeral home here Friday at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. W. H. Giebel officiating. Burial will be in Center Cemetery.

## Congregational Church

Services Sunday and announcements for the week are as follows:

Sunday, morning worship at 11 with Rev. W. W. Coe as preacher. Sunday school at 10. Christian Endeavor at 7 in charge of a group of students from the Seminary. Young People's Forum at 7:45.

Monday evening at 7:30, important business meeting of the church to hear the report of the pulpit committee, and to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

Wednesday there will be a meeting of the Franklin County Association at Shelburne Falls commencing at 10:30.

Wednesday there will be a sale and supper at the town hall, sponsored by the Ladies Sewing society.

Thursday, there will be an all day meeting of the Ladies Sewing society at the church. In the evening at 7:15, prayer meeting.

Friday evening at 6:30 the Evening Auxiliary will hold its annual dinner and meeting at The Sunset Inn. Rev. Ellis E. Jones will be guest speaker.

## Fortnightly Ends The Seasons Program With Annual Election

Last Friday afternoon in Alexander hall, the Fortnightly ended its years' activities, with its final program and the election of officers. It was the annual meeting when reports were rendered. The nominating committee presented the list of proposals and they were chosen by a unanimous vote. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Ray Thompson; first vice-president, Mrs. Paul Mayberry; second vice-president, Miss Natalie Briesmaster; recording secretary, Mrs. George W. Carr; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Dana Leavis; treasurer, Mrs. George Pefferlee; auditor, Mrs. W. P. Stanley. Elected as directors are Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, Mrs. William D. Miller and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton. To the program committee, Mrs. George Marshall; Mrs. Ernest Kirmann and Miss Isabel Thompson. To the music committee, Mrs. Marshall Langphair, Mrs. Laurie Harris and Mrs. William Park. A most entertaining skit was offered on the afternoon's program entitled, "A Woman's Privilege" in charge of Mrs. William Shattuck. Those who took the parts were Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, Miss Barbara Harris, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Paul Mayberry, Mrs. Edgar Livingston, Mrs. George Carr and Miss Enid Miner. Music was by George Phelps and his sister Betty Phelps. After the meeting a food sale was conducted by the ways and means committee and generously patronized, with a profit of \$21.45.

## Back From Washington Seniors Enjoyed Trip

Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon the Seniors of the high school, arrived back in town, from their visit to the nation's capitol. It proved to be a most interesting experience in the life of the young people. Last week Friday the tour began by bus to Providence and then by boat to New York, where again buses were taken for the excursion to Washington. The return was made by the same route. Every member of the class now has his or her own fund of information of the journey and they can delight their friends with their tales. Principal and Mrs. Richard A. Cobb were in charge of the group, and the members of the class making the trip were: Florence Hale, Valentine Plotczyk, Donald Newton, Evelyn Russell, Frances Eddy, Mary Eddy, June Browning, Etna Stevens, Winifred Drown, Joseph Holton John Hammond, Beth Hammond, Ethel Tenney, Genevieve Wozniak, Robert Fuller and Robert Miller.

## Northfield Grange

The Grange met Friday evening in their hall and after a business session a broadcast program was given under direction of Mrs. Geneva Dawe. Carroll Rich was announcer. The program was as follows: Song, Mrs. Clara Hale; talk by Mrs. Carroll Miller; duet, Mrs. Clara Hale and Carroll Miller; skit, Emory Rikert; harmonica solo, Richard Allen; duet, Mrs. Pearl Allen and Robert Allen; trio, Mary Allen, Lillian Dawe, and Ruth Spaulding; singing by all.

## A Lecture On Ferns

What promises to be an interesting educational lecture will be delivered in College hall at Amherst on Wednesday evening next at 7:30 by Robert Coffin, who will speak on "New England Ferns" and show photographs in color of every species found throughout this section of the country. Members and friends of the local Garden club are invited to attend the lecture, which is without admission, although a collection will be taken for war relief.

## Young People's Forum

Doric Alviani, tenor, director of music at Mass. State college, will sing in the Congregational church this Sunday evening at 7:45 under the sponsorship of the Young People's Forum. Mr. Alviani was very well received recently at a Fortnightly meeting. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

## Another Child Clinic

The second clinic for immunizing children against diphtheria will be held at the town hall Saturday afternoon from 8 to 5 o'clock. Mothers who did not bring their children for the first inoculation may bring them Saturday. Special arrangements will be made for the last or third injection.



HAROLD ALEXANDER LESLIE

## SYMPHONY PROGRAM THIS SATURDAY EVENING IN THE AUDITORIUM ON SEMINARY CAMPUS; MUSIC WILL BE BROADCAST BY STATION WHAI

The Pioneer Valley symphony orchestra, under the direction of Harold Alexander Leslie, will give its fifth concert of the season, under the sponsorship of the Northfield Schools, in the Auditorium on the Seminary campus on Saturday evening at 8:15 o'clock. Over 70 musicians will comprise the orchestra, coming from various sections of this area. The music will be broadcast over station WHAI and will reach the ears of many thousands of the listening public. It is said that groups from Eaglebrook School and Bement School at Deerfield will attend, as well as the entire student body from Stoneligh Prospect School of Greenfield. A representative group from Deerfield Academy is also expected. From Keene, Brattleboro, Greenfield and other places will come many who always enjoy the music of the "Masters." The program to be rendered will be as follows:

### MEDELSSOHN—The "Hebrides"

While on a trip to Scotland, Mendelssohn visited Fingal's Cave on a lonely island in the Hebrides. He composed this overture on themes which occurred to him while there. In this clear tone picture one feels the solitude of the cave and the sea and the rage of the ocean.

### HAYDN—Symphony No. 2 ("London") in D Major

Adagio—Allegro  
Andante  
Minuetto  
Allegro Spiritoso

The "London Symphony" was written in 1795 during one of Haydn's visits to London. The symphony opens with the usual short solemn introduction. From the beginning of the first Allegro to the end of the symphony, one feels the joyousness which was so characteristic of Haydn.

### —INTERMISSION—

### HUMPERDINCK—Evening Prayer and Dream Pantomime, from "Hansel and Gretel"

Evening has fallen and the two little children who are lost in the woods are thoroughly exhausted. The Sandman sprinkles sand in their eyes. They fall to their knees, recite their evening prayers and immediately fall asleep in each other's arms. Through the darkness appears a light which grows, revealing the vision of a shining golden staircase. Fourteen guardian angels descend and move in a steady circle about the children.

### DVORAK—Symphony No. 5 in E minor "From The New World"

Adagio; Allegro Molto  
Largo  
Allegro Con Fuoco

The New World Symphony was composed by Dvorak during the years 1892 and 1893. Although there are undeniable traces of the Czech idiom in this work, the composer said that he wrote "in the spirit of national American melodies." Because of the composer's unusual command of melody, rhythm and color this remarkable tone picture is one of the most popular symphonies played in America today.

Reservations for tickets by the public of Northfield should be made immediately by telephoning 44 or calling at the Northfield hotel. Tickets of admission are priced as per the advertisement on this page.

## Pioneer Valley SYMPHONY

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## Local Women Attended The GOP County Meet When Sen. Lodge Spoke

More than a 150 members of the County Women's Republican club gathered at the Weldon Hotel, last Saturday afternoon in the annual luncheon session, to meet and hear Senator Hery Cabot Lodge in an address, in which he pleaded for concerted defense work and national unity by our people. Mrs. James A. Gunn of Turners Falls as president of the club was the presiding officer, which was attended by several prominent officials of the state and of the state Republican committee. Among those from Northfield in attendance were Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, Mrs. Donald Williams and Mrs. Edward M. Morgan. In the election which followed the meeting, Mrs. Rufus Fuller of Deerfield was chosen as president; Mrs. Ira B. Wheeler of Greenfield and Mrs. Elizabeth Childs of Deerfield, vice-presidents; Mrs. Ray Blinn of Greenfield, recording secretary; Mrs. Frank Keegan of Greenfield, corresponding secretary, and Miss Helen Gerratt of Greenfield, treasurer. In the address of Senator Lodge, he said, "Our present duty is to be clear-headed. It is very dangerous to be an ostrich, but it is also very dangerous to allow ourselves to become so frightened that we become hysterical. I don't believe the men who made history on a certain 19th of April were scared to death, nor were they ostriches. Instead of dividing, questioning motives and splitting up into factions, let us unite as Americans, see the interests of Americans, see the future of Americans, and be inspired by the promise of American life to preserve this great country."

## Seminary-Hermon Sunday Speakers

Dr. Mildred A. McAfee, president of Wellesley college and a trustee of the Northfield schools, will speak at the morning worship in Sage chapel at the Seminary on Sunday, at 11 o'clock.

Several students of Mt. Holyoke college who are members of a course in worship under Prof. David E. Adams will conduct the vesper service at 5 p. m. The girls participating in the service are Patricia Best, Dorothy Adams, Northfield '38; Eleanor Parker,



Dr. Mildred A. McAfee

Barbara Ostgren and Sally Glowman. Miss Glowman will speak on "What It Means to Grow Up" and Miss Ostgren has chosen as her subject "Facing Our World."

The girls will be guests at tea at the Seminary and will remain for supper after the service. Rev. Lester P. White, formerly chaplain at Mt. Hermon school, and now minister of the Cutchogue Methodist church at Cutchogue, L. I., will preach at both morning and vesper services at Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel. Services are at 10:30 and 5:30.

## Rustic Ridge Roadway Will Be Reconstructed

The Rustic Ridge association will reconstruct and permanently improve one of its roads, Rockside running north from North Lane to Willow Lane, and also on the Willow Lane hill. Rockside road is the main road that continues northward and eventually finds an outlet into the Mountain Park section and connects with Myrtle street. Thomas J. Duncan of Jamaica, N. Y., an official of the Ridge association was in town last week and awarded the contract for the work to Frank W. Anderson of Warwick avenue, who will furnish all material and labor. He will begin operations immediately and hopes to have the work completed before the active summer season opens with the Rustic Ridge residents.

## Daylight Saving Here Effective On Sunday Appreciated By All

Daylight saving is effective on Sunday, and better adjust your timepieces Saturday night, so that you will make no mistake in your appointments on Sunday. Train schedules will vary and if you are taking a train, better assure yourself of the new time of arrival and departure. The new railroad timetables will be available for distribution today and will show a change in most trains. The days will be longer under the daylight saving time and most everybody will appreciate the sunlight of longer duration, when either play or work can be extended. The only unfortunate condition to be considered is the different time adopted in slow moving communities, who still fail to appreciate the advantages of daylight saving. Now in reality the summer is here and we in Northfield will look forward with satisfaction to a promising satisfactory season.

## The Negro In America Presents Serious Situation

"The Deepest Wound in American Democracy" is the misfortune of the eight million American Negroes, said President Mordecai Johnson of Howard university, Washington, D. C., to the assembly of Mt. Hermon students and faculty last Saturday noon. Dr. Johnson was introduced by Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster. The speaker went on to say that the capacity for superior work in many areas has already been proved. What has not been proved is the opportunity for the Negroes to capitalize on their abilities. Economically, politically, and educationally the Negroes conditions have not changed much in the South.

The South is still impoverished by the slave system, though slavery was overthrown 75 years ago. The so-called poor whites and the Negroes make up 8 millions in the South who live just above the existence level. The average income for the 36 millions in the South is \$310.

Politically, 75 per cent of the citizens of the Southern states have been disenfranchised. By various devices such as the "grandfather" clause, the poll tax, the Negroes and also the poor whites can not vote. There never has been democracy in the South. It is a wound that festers.

Educationally, nearly one million Negroes go to no school at all. The per capita cost for Negro public education is \$15, and it is \$45 for the whites. In some northern states it is over \$100.

A broken down economic system, a rotten political system, and a lack of adequate education make up a wound in American Democracy that may well prove fatal if it is not healed. Dr. Johnson did not blame the Southerners, but said that it was a problem for the entire nation to solve.

## At Deerfield Sunday Unitarian Conference

The Conn. Valley Unitarian conference will be held at Deerfield on Sunday beginning at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon with a dinner in the Deerfield town hall at 6:15 and the evening meeting at 7. There will be addresses by Rev. Frederick M. Tilston of Deerfield; Rev. Donald Hoyt of Brattleboro; Rev. James H. Pearson of Chicopee; Rev. W. W. Argow of Amherst; Rev. Samuel Elberfield of Warwick; Rev. Robert Raible of Greenfield; Rev. Raymond H. Palmer of Northfield; Rev. Joseph C. Allen of Bernardston; Rev. E. H. Cotton of Florence, with the guest speaker at the evening service, Rev. Dr. Albert C. Dieffenbach, religious editor of the Boston Transcript. It is expected that a good sized delegation from the local Unitarian church will be in attendance.

## Women Of Church To Hold Sample Fair

At the town hall next Wednesday evening, April 30, the Ladies Sewing society of the Congregational church will hold a sample fair which will include a sale of many articles and a distribution of various samples to those who attend. There will be served a supper from 6 to 7 o'clock in the basement and many good things to eat are to be provided. After the supper, an entertainment will be given in the hall by members of the Young Peoples Forum. The public are cordially invited to support the effort. Mrs. Lawrence H. Laxelle, heads a large committee of women who are in charge.

## County Hermon Club Hears Prof. Morse Elects Annual Officers

The annual dinner of the Franklin county Hermon club was held in West hall Wednesday night with 75 alumni attending. Willard Beebe of Brattleboro, president, was toastmaster and the special speaker was Prof. H. H. Morse, head of the history department. Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster, and Frank E. Dunn, alumni secretary, spoke briefly. Moving pictures of life on the Hill were shown. Election of officers was as follows: President, Dr. R. G. Holton, East Northfield; vice-president, George Berry, Greenfield; secretary-treasurer, O. E. Mirz, Mt. Hermon. Executive committee, Senator Ernest Dunklee of South Vernon; Ralph Churchill, Brattleboro; Willard Beebe, Brattleboro; Robert Parmenter, Amherst; Ray Culver, Keene; Otto Nau and Ray Blackford, Greenfield.

The nominating committee was Carroll Rikert, C. H. Demond of Greenfield, Charles Ladd, Brattleboro, and Leon Dunnell, East Northfield.

## The Woods Are Closed

Whether we like or not, the weather has been performing some freakish demonstrations. From a 90 of last Sunday to frost on Tuesday night is quite a shuffle of the thermometer, but the sad part is that there has been very little rain and the fields and woodlands are dry. The winds have taken the moisture from the ground and the earth is as pulverized soil. On our meadows, the dust rolls off in clouds and nearby homes constantly need the housekeepers attention. Recent disastrous fires have aroused all the dangers of a woodland fire, and the state authorities have ordered the woodlands closed to the public and they must govern themselves accordingly. Keep out of the woods until the emergency is over which can only be overcome by a good drenching rain. More important is, if you are a smoker, be careful with matches, lighted cigarettes and cigars.

## To Build New Home

Rev. and Mrs. Edward Fairbank, who have been occupying one of the missionary cottages on Main street, have purchased the lot on the north of the tract, and this week begin the erection of a new six room house, which they will occupy upon completion. Leavis and Bolton have been awarded the contract. Rev. and Mrs. Fairbank came to Northfield several years ago, after completing their work along educational lines in India for many years, and concerning which most of us are familiar. In the building of this new home, there is much satisfaction that they are permanent residents now.

## Maple Sap Season Over

"When the frogs begin singing, the sugar season is over." That's an old adage. Its true this year, with a crop of sap of most excellent quality but only about two-thirds of the amount secured last year. The season at its height was from April 1-10. It is estimated that Vermont farmers will secure only about 50,000 gallons of maple syrup. It is likely that prices will be higher than last year.

Copies of the county treasurers and of the commissioners report for the year of 1940 have been circulated to all town officials and interested persons. Its study reveals that the affairs of the county are in good hands.

Notice of the Northfield highway construction, directed to contractors was published in the Boston papers on Monday of this week.

The fire department was called out Tuesday morning for a fire in the Glutney residence on Main street, which did little damage.

## Fire Permits Revoked

Forest Fire Warden Charles L. Johnson received the following notice from M. C. Hutchins, State Fire Warden of the Department of Conservation: "All permits for fires in the open are hereby revoked and there will be no more issued from April 16 to June 7 inclusive, except that permits may be issued on rainy days only."



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Greetings Pineapple Juice 2 No. 2 cans 19c

Armour's Star Corned Beef, 2 1-lb Tins 35c

Campbells Tomato Juice 2 47-oz cans 39c

Wilson's Salad Dressing qt jar 21c

40 Fathom Codfish Cakes 2 cans 15c

Universal Peanut Butter, 16-oz Jar 12c

Del Maiz Corn Niblets 12-oz can 10c

Sunny Sweet Mixed Pickles qt jar 19c

Kellogg Shredded Wheat 2 pkg 17c

Del Monte Peas, 2 Tall Cans, 25c

Treasure Tuna 2 cans 25c

Armours Pickled Pigs Feet 7-oz jar 10c

Hershey Chocolate Syrup 3 1-lb cans 25c

Belleana Pink Salmon, 2 Cans 29c

Snowcrest Fruit Syrup 16-oz bot. 17c

Campbells Pork and Beans 4 16-oz cans 25c

Fresh Baked Graham Crackers 2-lb box 16c

Growers Special Coffee, 2 lbs. 35c

Select Evaporated Milk 4 tall cans 27c

Loving Farm Tomato Catsup 14-oz bot. 10c

Old New Hampshire Cleanser 4 cans 10c

## TOWN TOPICS

A firm of roofers of Greenfield are making the necessary repairs to the roof of the town hall, which was in bad condition. Provision was made for the work at the annual town meeting.

Our street department has begun the work of cleaning our streets, plots and gutters. They are doing a good job and the results are apparent.

Several from this town and Mr. Hermon will attend the meeting of the Foreign Policy association this Friday evening at the Weiden hotel. The dinner will be at 6:15 and the meeting is at 7:30 and is open to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wood of El Monte, Calif., have arrived in town at the home of his mother Mrs. Nellie M. Wood on Main St., after a journey across the continent by motor. They went to New York yesterday to take the Clipper plane for Bermuda, where their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Fornier now reside and whom they will visit. Mr. and Mrs. Fornier formerly had been resident in Jamaica.

Richard Buffum of this town, has taken over a route for the sale of breads and cakes of the Town Talk Co.

Mrs. Richard A. Cobb, substituted for Mrs. Edward C. Bolton as teacher at the West Northfield school recently while Mrs. Bolton was absent owing to illness in her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Presbrey of Brattleboro are now occupying the Townier residence in Vernon.

The town of Ashfield has cut its tax rate \$4 to \$23 for this year.

Dr. G. R. Murray and son of Binghamton, N. Y. and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Murray of Thompsonville, Ct., were guests last weekend of Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Pallam on Birnam road.

Miss Pauline Moor spent last weekend with her mother, Mrs. Lena Moor of Birnam road.

Mayflowers are already in blossom in and about portions of our woods and several groups have been successful in getting some. Just a word of caution, however, to those who pick them, get permission.

Several local motorists have been stopped during the past week by state inspectors, who told them to get their inspection tags with out delay if they wanted to stay on the highways.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody who have sojourned during the winter season at Daytona Beach Fla., are on their way to Northfield, but will visit with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Loos at Princeton, N. J. for a few weeks.

Mrs. William J. McRoberts, who has spent the winter at New Smyrna Beach, Fla., is leaving there today for her home in Brooklyn. She expects to arrive at her summer here within a few weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright are taking a two weeks vacation with their car. They left Monday of last week and visited at Syracuse, N. Y. and Rochester, N. Y. after which they went to Atlantic City to enjoy the seashore. They are expected to return to their home tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Curry of Frost, W. Va., were in town last weekend to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Ross of Glenwood avenue.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Given of Ashuelot road last Friday, at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Grace C. Cornell of Winchester read spent the winter at Lynn Haven, Fla., but is now on her way north and will stop enroute to visit friends at various places. She expects to arrive here within another week.

The public schools of this town will reopen next Monday after the usual spring vacation of one week. The Warwick tax rate as announced by their assessors last week is down this year \$4 to \$32. It will be the lowest rate for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Darby of Windsor, Vt., were guests over the past weekend of Mr. and Mrs. George Pfefferle.

The next meeting of the Franklin county federation of Congregational churches and ministers will be held in Shelburne Falls Friday, May 30.

The Congregational church of Sunderland has extended an invitation to Henry John Rons to become pastor in July. He is a divinity student at Yale and will be graduated in June.

Friends have received cards from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyde who left his home in Tennessee and are now on their way to Atlantic City for a short stay before arriving at their home here.

Miss Evelyn Lawley, high school teacher, joined with her mother in a visit to her brother at Goffstown, N. H. during the school vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Reining and family of Dallas, Pa., were visitors last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton J. Miner.

## West Northfield and South Vernon

South Vernon church—Services Sunday, daylight saving time: Morning worship at 10:30 with sermon by the pastor; Sunday school at 11:45; Loyal Workers at 6:30, Miss Elsie Tenney, moderator; at 7:30, Senior Mission society will hold a missionary service with participants wearing foreign costumes. Thursday evening at 7 at Vernon Home, prayer meeting.

Mrs. George E. Tyler who spent the winter at Cortland, N. Y., has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tyler brought her by automobile and they then returned to their home.

Alonso Wheelers daughter from Millers Falls has come to keep house for her father.

Mrs. Donald Smith and daughter are visiting Mr. Smiths parents at Windham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rich have been on a motor trip to Portsmouth, N. H. and other nearby places.

An infant and pre-school clinic was held Thursday at the Vernon town hall. Another will be arranged later. Make appointments with Mrs. Lawrence Johnson.

This Friday evening a juvenile minstrel show will be held at the Vernon town hall with 54 children taking part.

Mrs. Clara Pratt has received word of the death of her sister in law Mrs. H. Leslie Houghton of Centralia, Wash.

Miss Fanny Hazeltine of Chester, Vt. has been a recent guest of Miss Marcia Beer.

Joseph Weston of Belleville, N. J., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. R. B. Holton.

Miss Eleanor Barnes is with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bruhm of Medford for a weeks vacation.

The bodies of Charles R. Davis and his sister Mrs. Alice Brooks who died at Seattle, Wash., some time ago were brought here for burial in the Tyler cemetery this week.

The Vernon young peoples society joined with the South Vernon Loyal Workers society in the evening service last Sunday. Prof. H. H. Morse of Mt. Hermon was the speaker. On Sunday the Loyal Workers will have another service with Rev. W. E. Park of the Northfield schools as speaker.

At the card party at the Pond school last week Thursday, the prizes were won by Ernestine Blodgett and Dwight Johnson. Door prize went to Robert Allen. Refreshments were served.

Perry Dawley of Wharton, N. J. spent last week with his sister, Mrs. H. E. Lane.

Mrs. W. B. Churchill and daughter spent last weekend with her father at his home in Greenfield.

Visitor: Is this the weather bureau?

Attendant: Yes, sir.

Visitor: How about a shower tonight?

Attendant: It's all right with me. Take one if you need it.

Jones: I must find another tailor. This one reads too much.

Smith: Reads too much?

Jones: Yes. Every letter he writes to me begins, "On going through my books!"

Nit: So your daughter is about to marry. Do you really feel she is ready for the battle of life?

Wit: She should be. She's been in four engagements already.

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## JORDAN MOTOR SALES

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## TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Goodspeed of Cambridge were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed at their home here.

Miss Ruth McEwan who is a student at Wellesley, spent her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan.

Mrs. Anne H. Marvel of Millers Falls was reelected president of the Conn. Valley Library club at their annual meeting last week at the Dickinson library in Deerfield. Mrs. Martin E. Vorce, local librarian attended the sessions.

Rex Alexander Stewart and family of Gardner spent a portion of last week at their cottage on Birnam road near Warwick Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Gingrae and family moved into the Askren house on Wanamaker road this week, where they will reside.

She: Thanks for the hug.  
He: The pressure was mine.

## a WORLD of FOOD

by MARJORIE THORP

THE CHINESE WHEN THEY GO TO MARKET TAKE ALONG THEIR OWN BAGS, WRAPPING PAPER AND TWINE. THE VENDORS FURNISH NONE OF THESE.

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Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the County of Franklin for the year ending December 31, 1940

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## EDITORIAL

### WAR PROBLEMS

The world is aforesaid and speculation is rife. The Balkans have produced the unexpected results and the allies have again triumphed upon the liberties and freedom of independent peoples. Results show what a savage and brutal master can do when permitted to lead his horde unbridled. What will Hitler do next? We know what he would like to do toward us and you can be assured he will do something, and anything that is within the range of a possibility. Will America find itself trembling in fear as other nations have feared and fallen, or will we rise in united action and decide that we shall do something for ourselves and for all the other peoples who have been submerged? America must act, convey, protect and defend, and if necessary fight, with the spirit of Nathan Hale, who said, he was sorry he hadn't more than one life to give for America.

### REDUCED TAXES

About the most pleasant thing that our citizens can hear about these days is the cut in tax rates, that are being announced by the assessors of many of our communities. Commissioner Long has stated that of the 38 towns to report, 21 have reduced their rate below the 1940 level, four renewed their rate and only 13 have increased. In Franklin county new record lows are reported from the various communities and Deerfield has just announced that its rate will be the lowest in ten years, \$21.90. We shall all anxiously await the report of our local assessors and most of us will be disappointed if the Northfield tax rate does not evidence a drop, despite some increase in expenditures at the last annual town meeting.

### The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olson

Hillside as flame with azaleas. I know most of you folks have heard that descriptive phrase, and I know those of you who have seen azaleas agree that there is nothing much more impressive than a hillside which is aflame with azaleas.

I received a leaflet the other day that gave a very excellent discussion on planting and caring for these beautiful plants, so thought I'd pass along the ideas to you—that is, if I can summarize a bulletin.

In selecting a site for azaleas the recommendation is to keep them out of the wind. This applies not only to winter winds, but also to summer winds. Winds at blooming time cut down the display of flowers.

Most folks think that azaleas must have shade, but with few exceptions they are sun-loving plants. They will endure some shade, but it shouldn't be too dense. Even though they like sun they shouldn't be in hot sunny locations. Nor should they be close to trees which have surface roots such as the maples and the elms. So far as soil is concerned, it should be sandy in nature, but

not too sandy. If necessary add sand. If necessary add some clay. They like an acid soil—so use plenty of acid organic matter such as oak leaves, peat, sawdust, etc. And for most varieties be sure that drainage is adequate.

Azaleas have a very compact root system and are comparatively easy to transplant, but this doesn't mean that you should handle them carelessly. Set the plants in your prepared seed bed to the same depth as which they grew in the nursery. This is quite important; most folks plant them too deeply. Be sure to keep them well watered immediately after setting and until the plants are well established.

Because they are shallow rooted, never cultivate azaleas. By so doing you destroy the fibrous roots near the surface. Also remember that weeds should be kept out of an azalea bed. Pull them out by hand rather than with a hoe. Of course the best way to keep weeds out and conserve moisture—in other words, omit any cultivating—is to apply a mulch soon after the plants have been set. A two-inch layer of peat moss not only conserves moisture and keeps down weeds, but it is

acid in its reaction. Pine sawdust and oak leaves also make satisfactory mulches for these beautiful plants.

When your azaleas have a deep rich green color you know they're doing pretty well, but if they begin to show off color in the leaves they need fertilizer. A mixture which analyzes about 4-6-8 and has an acid reaction is recommended, although cottonseed meal alone makes an excellent fertilizer for azaleas. The recommendation is that they should be fertilized twice a year; early spring and July 1. Two pounds to a thousand square feet is the usual rate. Well rotted cow manure, 1 bushel per square yard, gives good results, but should have two ounces of aluminum sulphate added to give acid reaction.

Also remember that azaleas develop flower buds for the next season during the summer and autumn and for that reason need to have plenty of water during that period. If necessary it means

turning the hose on and thoroughly soaking the ground.

Pruning varies with the particular varieties, so I think the best recommendation is for you to visit your nurseryman and let him tell you as to pruning and what varieties are hardy in this section of the country. Naturally he won't be selling non-hardy varieties unless you want something for the house. Anyway he can be of help to you in telling you how to take care of many problems.

### Know Massachusetts

by State Planning Board

Do you know that a year ago, when the census was taken, 1,537,383 persons were employed in Massachusetts in addition to 100,528 in public emergency work, mostly relief, and 205,713 who were seeking work . . . The Department of Public Welfare in Boston during 1940, distributed \$13,601,942 for relief, of which \$3,016,923 was for aid to dependent children \$5,116,360 was for general relief and \$5,468,649 was for old age assistance . . . The cost of living in Massachusetts in March this year averaged less than 1 per cent above March 1940. Food was up 3.2 per cent clothing up 1.3, fuel and light down 5.7, while shelter and sundries showed no change . . . The retail census 1939, showed Boston with largest retail sales per capita of any United States city having more than 500,000 inhabitants . . . Marriages in the city of Boston are running about 35 per cent ahead of 1940 . . . It is expected that 18,000 telephones will be placed in service in Metropolitan

Boston alone, this year, due primarily to national defense effort. . . New orders received by Massachusetts factories this year are running more than half again as large as a year ago . . . It is estimated that the annual buying power of people in Massachusetts amounts to about \$2,974 per family, making this the fourth highest state in the Union . . . A new zoning amendment recently adopted in Brookline requires all multi-family dwellings that are built in the future to furnish sufficient off-street parking space to accommodate one car for each tenant family.

### Family Grace

I remember to this day the grace My father said at meals: "Accept our thanks For food and lodging, Lord, and bless each one Who does partake of it." His voice was low, But clearly heard by every child whose head Was bowed in patient waiting, more, I think Than reverence. Not once did it occur To us to disobey his spoken will. I doubt if we experienced gratitude, In those first youthful years, for daily fare. We took such things for granted but we sensed His faith and confidence and felt secure Within our family circle, and today Each one still worships in some humble way. —B. B. Cooper In Christian Science Monitor

Rastus: Wanna buy a mule, Sam? Sam: Wot ails de mule? Rastus: Nothin'. Sam: Den wat yo' want to sell him for? Rastus: Nothin'. Sam: I'll take him. Pat: Old pal, I pity you. Mike: Why? Pat: I bought my wife a new coat and she's gone over to show it to your wife.

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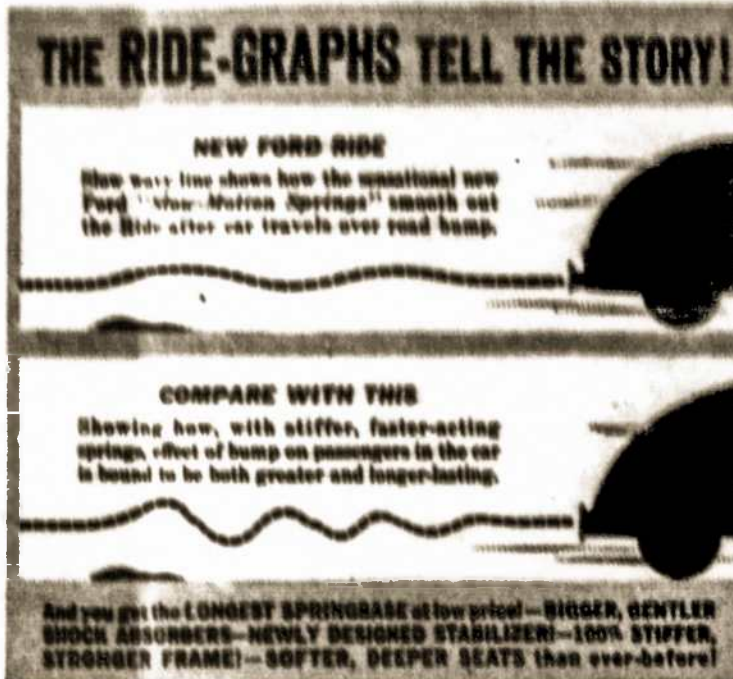
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